

ERHAPS the best all-around trap shot in this country, and certainly the champion inanimate bird shot of the United States. Fred Gilbert, "The Phantom" of Spirit Lake, Iowa. He has come rap-

idly to the front as erack of the very first class within the past two years, and recently and within six months has won two handsome trophies as souvenirs of his superiority as a wing and target shot, one of them being the three-hundred-dollar "E. C.

Championship Cup." The other was the Dupont Trophy. contested for in Baltimore in October last. Although Mr. Gilbert had won somewhat of a reputation at smashing clay pigeon targets, he was a dark horse when the Monumental City tourney began.

Pitted against him were such noted experts as George Brown, of Benton, Texas; D. A. Upsom, E. D. Fulford, Captain John L. Brewer, A. H. King, J. O'H. Denny, William Wagner, Atlen Willey, E. C. Burkhardt, of Buffalo; W. L. Shepard, of Chicago; T. H. Gibos, of Columbia, S. C.; C. T. Bodifeld, of Cleveland; Frank Class, C. E. Vergles, C. M. Grimm, F. Gilbert, George Corning, William Clark, Altoona; J. M. Porterfield, Chattanooga, Tenn.; J. Timmons, Aaron Woodruff, Claridge, Ducker, Dent, Coe, Bondy, Hood, the pick of the shooters of the country, besides most of whom as a bird shot Gilbert was a mere novice, having in all his trap experience never shot at more than two hundred pigeons, but his record as a game shot was always one of the best in the west,

The "Phantom" did not start off very well at the beginning, doing no better than second in the first three events and losing out in one of them in the shoot-off, and once he fell back to see ond hole. Two firsts and two seconds were the tied positions on the second day, and the third day's fusilade finish ed with him in the front rank with eleven others.

Many of the experts were unwilling or unable by penalties to continue on the fourth day. As a conesquence the number who went to score was considerably reduced, and the squad work more rapid, but at 2:38 o'clock Gilbert and Charles Macalester, of Philadelphia were the only ones finishing with straight tallies. Gilbert killed his first five tie birds handily, but Macalester through over-confidence, missed, falling into second place, with three others, giving to Gilbert the handsome trophy, the glory and the purse of

So it was, on the more recent occasion of the E. C. tournament on May 5, 6, 7 and 8, when he carried all before him there, proving himself a far and away superior clay target said ever Rolla Heikes, the first choice in the race, and the then acknowledged champion of his class.

This was the first time that the title was actually contested for, and Mr. Giltert was proclaimed the first and real champion, and received the challenge trophy as an earnest.

At present he is on the shooting circuit, having been creditably heard from in the recent tournament held at Memphis, Kansas City and St. Louis, Already he has been called upon to defend the Dupont trophy, and did it succentully.

Diakof and Eden Michael Diakoff, a young Russian, is the latest bicycle racing sensation in England. Before he had been in her majesty's "tight little isle" two weeks he won the twenty-five mile champion



MICHEL DIAKOFF. ship race of the National Cyclists Union. That was his first, and, so far, his only day on an English track for racing purposes. The brief dispatches from London call him a "cycling phenenon" and other names of the kind, Diakoff will go after other National Cycling Union championships, and it is probable that he will get some of them, English bicycle papers speak of the young Russian in terms of highest praise. Judging by his work in trainng they declare that he will cur an important figure in English racing this London Wheeling says of him tha he has a fine style, not unlike Harry Wheeler's, and that he has the material and the motion of a fast flyer. Diakoff came to England with a record of having ridden more than twenty-six miles, unpaced, within an hour. Like at other European racers, he goes 'n for long distance work rather than for

nounced Mitchell Jaykoff. Jaap Eden, "the flying Dutchmar" of European cycling is just now one of most important figures in Paris. He has beaten Johnnie Johnson, Main, whom the French papers call the champion of the amateur world," .nd everybody else he has met. Edet 125 wonderful speed and endurance arv! Is recognized as one of the best men on the bleycle tracks of Europe.

England's Pneumaric King. Mrs. Langtry in the days of her greatest popularity, was not more widely advertised in Great Britain in a pictorial way than is Harvey Du Cros. great English pneumatle tire concern that was sold recently for \$2,000,000, and has since been reincorporated, reorganized and restocked on was not fo

GENERAL SPORTING. the English papers , call him. He may be the tire king of England, but he would not be recognized as a "king" in this country, even though his concern is said to have made \$5,000,000 in the past five years. There are American ompanies that are making tires and dollars by the million.

Mr. Du Cros' picture has appeared within the past few weeks in aimost every illustrated paper in Great Britain, and many times in the cycling papers, which he seems to control. Mr. Du Cros seems to be quite the man of the hour in the English cycling world. A few years ago he was not more than a fairly good Dublin athlete. That is what bicycles do for some people.

The Wheel at the Antipodes.

Late advices from Australia report the continued success of the American 'eyelist, William Martin. At the Melbourne Exhibition Building 'cycle grounds Martin again won high honors. He rode in fast company in the one mile open, such experts as Harris, the English champion; Rice, Porta, the Italian champion; McLean, Lewis, and others being entered. Martin, however, won the trial heat, and the final in 12m. 13s. At the same meeting the New Yorker was entered as a scratch man in the mile handicap and wen easily, though in fast company, in 2m. 15s. In the eight hour sports race he was scratch, but won his trial heat two miles, in 4m. 55 3-5s. The second heat was captured by W. H. March. 110 yds., in 4m. 533-5s.; won by M. J. McLean, 75 yds., in 4m. 55 1-58.; fourth, won by G. W. Davis, 190 yds., in 4 m, 46s.; fifth, won by W. Hickox, 189 yds., in 4m, 53 3-5s. final heat was landed by Martin, scratch, in 4m, 53s., amid great applause. At the testimonial 'cycle be efit meeting held at Melbourne, Martin also captured the half-mile lap event from a large field, in 41 2-5s. Later in the day the New Yorker captured another half mile event, in 41 3-5s. the last race Martin defeated Parsons, the Australian champion, and Megson, the Tasmania expert. McLean, the colonial champion, captured the five-mile



FRED GILBERT. international scratch race at the St. Kilda Cricket grounds, Melbourne, in 12m, 35 2-5s,

Notes of the Ring. Dick Burge has challenged "Kid" Lavigne to fight him again, at 140th, give or take two pounds, for \$5,000 a side. There is little doubt that the American will accept; the only wonder is that the Britisher should be able to get good backing against his quondam conqueror. In answer to a proposition from Jack Everhardt, Sam Fitzpatrick says that if, upon Lavigne's return to America, there is no one whom he has not already beaten willing to fight him, he will give Everhardt the first chance to try and reverse the result of their former meeting within the ropes.

The sheriff of Queens county having notified the managers of the Eureka Athletic club, of Long Island City, that the proposed glove fight between Peter Maher and Paddy Slavin would not be permitted to take place at the club house, or elsewhere in that county, they concluded, very sensibly, not to persist in attempting to defy the authorities, and accordingly declared the match off, notifying ticket holders to call for a return of their money, which was then refunded.

Jack Ryan and Jack Lucey fought in a vacant lot near Milford, Mass., Hyan having rather the best of the fighting for twenty-three rounds, but then his blows lost force, and when they came together for the thirty-second round both combatants were so weak that the referee, with the consent of the principals, declared the fight a draw. They are to meet again in about six weeks, and in the interim both men will train properly for the encounter.

"Griffo." the Australian lightweight, and Billy Ernst entertained the members of the Unique Athletic club and their friends with a glove bout at the Unique theater, Brooklyn, N. Y. evening of June 6, Johnny Eckhardt being referee. Griffo demonstrated his superiority as a boxer over his opponent. but after boxing the stipulated twelve rounds the encounter was decided a draw.

England with Gorge Cornfield to box twenty rounds, at 112th, at \$2,500 a side, the battle to be decided on Sept. I.

On Her Father's Barn. She glided into the office and quietly approached the editor's desk. "I have written a poem," she began. "Well!" exclaimed the editor with a look and a tone intended to annibilate; but she calmly resumed: "I have written a poem on 'My Father's Barn,' and-"O," interrupted the editor with an extraordinary snavity, "you don't know how I am relieved. A poem written sprinting. Diakoff's name is pre- it was written on paper and that you nounced Mischell III I should on your father's barn, eh? I was afraid wanted me to publish it. If I should ever happen to drive past your father's barn I'll stop and read the poem.

Found Almost Starved. A lad named Flowers was found lying in a cornfield near Centerville, Tenn., having been lost and without food for a week. He was terribly emaclated from starvation, the only substance he was able to obtain being weeds and bark from the trees. He could not stand alone, and his recovery is doubtful. About a week before he went out for a walk with an elder brother who is somewhat demented, but did not return. The brother reported him drowned, and searching parties were organized, but the little fellow

IN STAGELAND.

ciety Women and the Stage Marie Wainwright's Career - A Reigning French Beauty-A Pretty Western Carmen-Notes of the Footlights,



HE career in the theater of women who slip out of socicty onto the stage is always interesting. There, for example, is that of Marie Wainwright, whose experiences she parted her second husband.

James, has been trying. What a little time ago it seems to some of us since Marie Wainwright, one of the best born women on the stage, first came into prominence. She was a grand-daughter of Bishop Wainwright and daughter of Commander J. M. Wainwright of the U. S. N. Her father died on board the "Harriet Land" at the time of her capture in Galveston harbor during the Civil war. She is descended from the Pages of Virginia. She was associated with the great emgedian. Lawrence Barrett, in "Man O' Airlie," "Yorick's Leve" and "Francesca di Rimini." Two of her successes of recent years have been "Tweifth Night," of which she gave a beautiful production, and "Amy Robsart," but her success in the east stowly declined and since 1892 she has confined herself to the west,

A Reigning Beauty.

If you ask an experienced person be not pretty. French women who visit deep dimples that give her face its

THEATRICAL TOPICS. of that season in "Pension de Famille," in December in "Le Question d'Argent." She was the Delphine in "Mar-CURRENT SAYINGS AND DOINGS celle,"-known here as "A Woman's Silence," and in London as "Delia Harding,"-when it was produced in Paris, December 21, 1895,

A Western Carmen.

Elita Proctor Otla is a western girl, and by lineal descent comes out of one of the worthiest families of the land. She was born in Cleveland, O., and the Otises were among the most distinguished pioneers of that district. Her father died before she found her way in at the stage door of the theater. Her uncle, John Otis, was one of the wealthiest of the great steel manufacturers of Cleveland. The family is not unknown to fame and wealth.

Miss Otis began her career as a recitationist and amateur actress. London knew her one seasen some four years age in the former capacity, and in the latter she was very popular in the smart set in New York, taking, in the Comedy club, the place left vacant by Corn Urquhart Petter when she became a professional. Her professional debut was made at the Globe theater in Boston, December 22, 1892, as Mrs. Ernestime Echo in the version of Dumas "Demi-Monde," made by Louise Imogen Guiney and William Seymour, and which was the first version of that famous play ever seen in America.

Later Miss Otis made a success as Nancy Sykes in "Oliver Twist." with which she soured, and then after an appearance last September at the Empire theater, New Lork, she was, for a while, with Dan Frohman at the Lyceum, when she played several parts that did not-suit her, like Mrs. Quesnel in "Rebellious Susan" und Mme, de Mauban in "The Prisoner of Zenda. She has a marked personality. A devil will tell you that French women are lurks in her eyes, and enuggles in the

MLLE, BRANDES. America always rave about the beauty peculiarity. amples could be taken than Jeannette Martha Josephine Brunschwig, called They are all about of an age, being born respectively in 1861, 1862, and 1865, and still consider themselves, and are

take good pictures. In 1887 Mile, Brandes was engaged at the Comedie Francais and made her debut Sept. 26, in "Francillon." After three seasons at the Comedie she returned to the Vandeville to create the leading role in "Lilaine." In 1893 she returned to the Maison Moliere, and is still there. Some consider Mile. Brandes the most interesting member latest successes is in Meilhac's "Grosse Fortune," produced in February, and

Rosa Bruck.

Rosa Bruck is also a Parisienne, born Sept. 13, 1865, and like Mile. Brandes, a winner of the first prize in comedy at the Conservatoire. She was a pupil of Henry Polydore Mauban and graduated in 1883. She made her debut at the Comedie Français as Alemene in "Amphitryon," October 22, 1883. During the two sea-

sons she remained there she played in

MARIE WAINWRIGHT.

"Brittanicus," and "Ruy 'Phedre." Blas," and created the title role of "Antoinette Rigaud." She then went to the Gymnase, where March 11, 1886, she appeared as Sidonie in the revival of Daudet's "Fremont jeune et Risler There she created "Comtesse Sarah," and appeared as "Dora," Gilberte in "Fron Frou," and a full line of similar leading parts. From the played Juliet among other parts. In 1892-93 she made a great success at Le Theatre Michel at St. Petersberg, playing in "Francillon," "The Sphinx." 'Prince d'Aurec," "Pattes de mouche," in London, England, as Wilson Barret's and other roles She returned to the leading woman, is going to retire from was not found until discovered by a and other roles of the stage permanently.

of the American girls. Yet the one has apart and avoids her. Commonplace art, the other has none, even in the roles are beyond and outside her limivery day affairs of life. No better ex- tations. To what any "walking lady" might succeed in, Miss Otis' personality Hadingue, known as Jane Hading; would give the lie direct. But no walking lady and few,if any,leading women Mile, Brandes, and Mile, Rosa Bruck. in the land could play Mrs. Cheveley in "An Ideal Husband" as she did. That was a performance marked by finess. It was suggestive, forceful, considered ingenues, and invariably brilliant. She pervaded the play and dominated it, miserable adventuress though the woman was. I am aware that most of her critics, and possibly the actress herself, would rank above that part, her Therese in Sims' version of "Gigolette," called "The City of Pleasure," which Miss Otis was within an ace of saving from failure at the Empire theater, New York, last September. I cannot agree. Possibly I of the present company. One of her may be unduly moved by the injustice that "The City of Pleasure" did to "Gigolette." From her point of view Miss in which her exquisite dressing was Otis' Therese was a strong performas much of a success as her ance. It had rare moments of thrilling dramatic force. But it was not an impersonation. It was a theatrical presentation of episodes. For much of this, however, the managers were as much to blame as they were in permitting her unsuitable dressing of the part. The play offered a story of the lowest life in Paris-a picture of the life of a "Gigolette," the girl of the street whose lover trades on her depravity, OLIVE THANET.

Notes of the Footlights.

Uncertainty in railroad rates continue to give Northwestern theatrical managers trouble, and until they are settled there are some attractions they will not venture to handle in this teri-

Daniel Frohman declares that there never was so good an opportunity as now exists for young men of talent to write meritorious plays and get them produced.

Henry Miller wants a character with Henry Miller wants a character with lots of comedy and some sentiment for his stellar venture, which will probbaly occur next October. Leonard Boyne will probably come

over for an American starring tour next season. In that event Julia Arthur will probably be his leading lady. Walter Whiteside, known some years ago as the boy tragedian, has just

closed his season and his managers re-

port there is a balance on the right side of the books. Ellen Terry, in the character of Lady Macbeth, is said to step out of the beaten path of tradition. Her reading is spoken of as showing a high degree

of intelligence. William Gillette's revival of "Too Much Johnson" at the Empire Theatre, Gymnase she went to the Odeon and New York city, has proved a success, despite the warm weather and the lateness of the season.

Mand Jefferies, the young American actress who has lately made a success IN TO I.

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"Never." Ten minutes' silence.

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On July 6, 7, 20, 21, and several dates during August, September and October, the Chicago & Eastern Illinois R. R. will sell first class round trip tickets, good 31 days from date of sale, for one fare plus \$2 for the round trip, to all points in Florida and the Tracks, trains, time, all the best. For further information address C. W. Humphrey, N. P. A., St. Paul, Minn. City Ticket Office, 182 Clark street, or C. L. Stone, G. P. & T. A., Chicago.

A Hint to Others.

A man in Lewiston, Me., who had his shoulder dislocated in a runaway accident, was invited into the house by a sympathetic woman who hung the disabled member over the back of a chair, ordered him to take hold of a lower rung and pull, which he did, only to find that the shoulder had slipped back into place again and that he could go on about his business comfortably

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Lightning and Trees.

Cedar and fig trees are rarely struck by lightning. The beech, the larch, the fir and the chestnut also seem to be pecultarly obnoxious to the "bolts of Jove," There are trees, however, which appear to attract rather than to repel the lightning flash. The trees generally enumerated in the category of those which the lightning is most apt to strike are the oak, the yew, the elm and the Lombardy nonlar

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WOMAN TO WOMAN.

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